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INQUIRIES

WinSALTS/32 gives supply personnel the ability to perform various types of database inquiries. These inquiries give visibility into the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) and Navy's supply system, enabling supply personnel to make informed decisions that can save time and money.
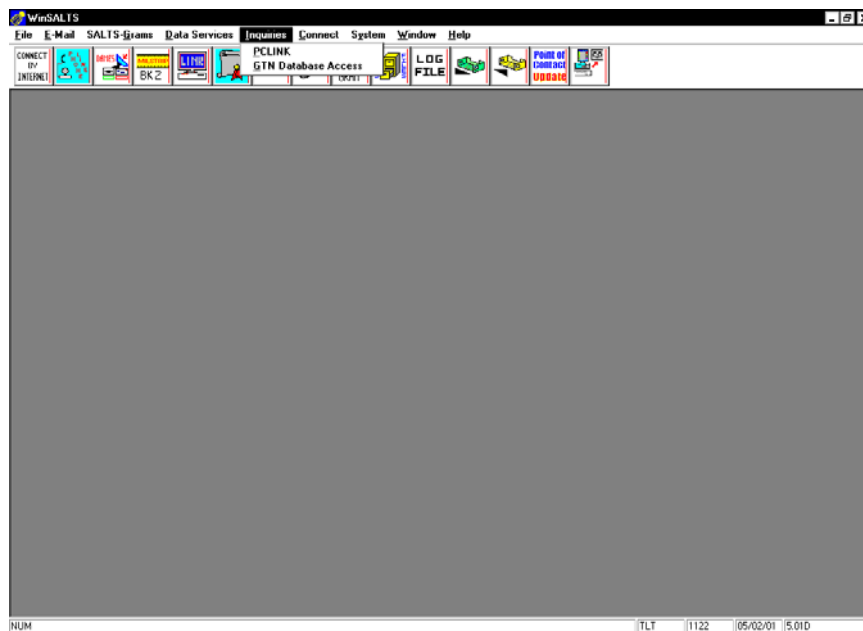
PCLINK

PCLINK is an MS Windows-based software package designed and developed by DAASC, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio. The Logistics Information Network (LINK) provides access to many logistics databases. The following are the databases the can be accessed using PCLink:

Advanced Traceability and Control for the U.S. Air Force (ATAC-AF): This system provides a detailed history of all actions taken to process Air Force requisitions. Output consists of coded, 80-card column records processed by Military Standard (MILS) and Air Force logistics information system.

U.S. Army Total Asset Visibility (ATAV): This system provides visibility of stock levels in all Army commands.

U.S. Air Force's D035 Stock Control System (D035): This system gives you visibility of item inventory and supply management information at the Air Logistics Centers (ALCs). You can get item manager and cataloging data, stock-on-hand, due-in assets, and status of requisitions.

Defense Automatic Address System Center (DAASC) Inquiry System: This system provides information on Communication Routing Identifiers (COMMRI), DoD Activity Address Codes (DODAAC), Routing Identifier Codes (RIC), and Military Assistance Program Address Codes (MAPAC).

Interrogation Requirements Information System (IRIS): This system gives you visibility of surplus stock available from Defense Reutilization and Marketing Offices (DRMOs) located worldwide.

Logistics Intelligence File (LIF): This system is the U.S. Army's central data bank for supply and transportation information. LIF provides visibility of individual requisitions and shipments as they are processed through the logistics pipeline. LIF also provides a number of management reports such as requisition processing times for an individual direct support activity.

Logistics Information Processing System (LIPS): This system provides requisition, supply status and shipping status information for all military services. You can get status on an individual requisition by entering a document number or Transportation Control Number (TCN). You can also identify requisitions submitted, backordered, canceled or rejected, requisitions in process, by NSN and shipping status of requisitions for a given DODAAC.

Logistics Remote Users Network (LOGRUN): This system provides information about over 6 million supply items in the Federal Government inventory and contractors who do business with the Department of Defense. LOGRUN will give you the National Stock Number (NSN) of the item, suppliers of the item, management data such as unit of issue and Source of Supply, interchangeable and substitute items, and physical and performance characteristics.

General Service Administration's Multi-Use File for Interagency News (MUFFIN): MUFFIN provides current status of all open FEDSTRIP requisitions and historical data on requisitions shipped during the past 12 months.

Standard Automated Material Management System (SAMMS): This system gives you visibility of item inventory and supply management information at the Defense Logistics Agency (DLS) Supply Centers. You can get status of requisitions, stock on hand, due in assets, backorders, and reports of discrepancy.

SmartLINK: SmartLINK automates research on supply items before requisitioning. All you need to know is the National Stock Number (NSN) of your item. SmartLINK will retrieve the following information for you:

> Item Information: Provides Source of Supply, Acquisition Advice Code, Unit Price, and physical characteristics of the item (retrieved from LOGRUN).

> Surplus Assets: Provides surplus stock availability from Defense Reutilization Marketing Offices (DRMO) worldwide (retrieved from the DRMO system).

> Wholesale Assets: Provides on-hand assets and other data from the DoD service/agency managing that item (retrieved from D035, ATAV, DLA SAMMS, and SNAPSHOT).

> Retail Assets: Provides on-hand assets and other data managed by the Army Major Commands (MACOMs) and the Navy Stock Points (retrieved from ATAV and VMSIR).

U.S. Navy's Wholesale Stock Inquiry System (SNAPSHOT): This database is managed by the Navy and provides information about items managed by the Navy Inventory Control Point (NAVICP). SNAPSHOT provides inventory management information, stock status, part number information, and alternate NIINs.

U.S. Navy's Virtual Master Stock Inventory Record (VMISR): This system provides visibility of stock available at Navy stock points.

Worldwide Port System (WPS): This system is operated by the Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC). WPS tracks military cargo through common-user ocean ports. You can get current shipment status by submitting a Transportation Control Number (TCN).

Note: PCLINK is a separate computer program that must be installed and configured onto your WinSALTS/32 computer. The SALTS project has developed and published a document detailing the procedures for obtaining, installing and configuring the PCLINK program onto the WinSALTS computer. Please refer to this document titled "WinSALTS/32 PCLINK Guide." The document can be downloaded through WinSALTS/32 by going to Data Services/Request Files from SALTS/SALTS Standard Files/PCLINK Program Files.

Creating Queries

Note: This documentation demonstrates how to create a LIPS query. This will serve as a model for creating queries for the other databases in PCLINK.

Start WinSALTS/32.
Select the Inquiries menu.
Select PCLINK.
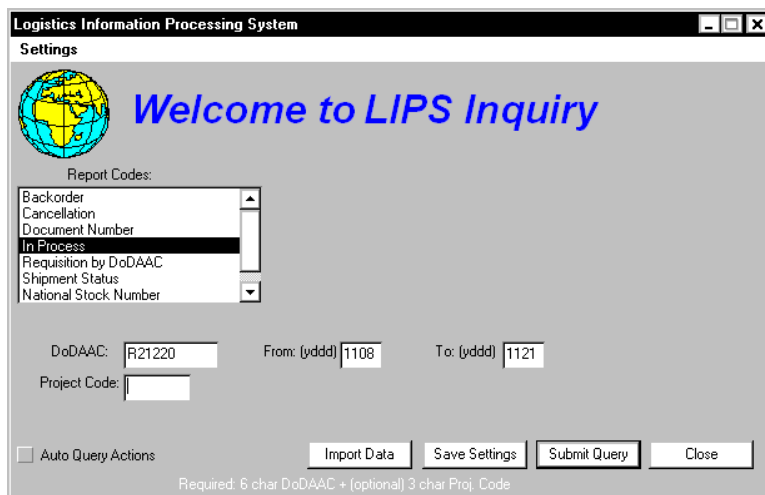Select Queries.
Select the database you wish to query.

Select the particular Report Code of interest (i.e. Backorders, Cancellations, etc.)
Enter the required query data (i.e. DoDAAC, Julian Dates and Project Code)
Click the Submit Query button.
Repeat the 3 steps above to create additional LIPS queries.
When all queries have been entered, click the CLOSE button.

Note: DoDAAC is the same as Unit Identification Code (UIC). The FROM/TO Julian date range can be opened to include up to a 120-day period. The Project Code is not required. If left blank, information on all Project Codes will be returned.

Other PCLINK Options

Auto Query Actions Option

The Auto Query Actions option allows you to set-up a query Schedule, so they will be automatically executed on the schedule you provide. You can choose the days of the week, the number of weeks, and the Zulu hour when the queries are to execute. At each automatic execution, a result of the query will be sent to your SALTS account.

Using the Auto Query Action option is not required. If not used, your queries will be executed once and the result for that moment in time returned.

Click the Auto Query Actions checkbox.
Click the Schedule button that appears.
Select the days of the week you want the query to perform.
Select the number of weeks you want the query to perform.
Select the hour of the day (Zulu time) you want the query to perform.
Click the OK button.
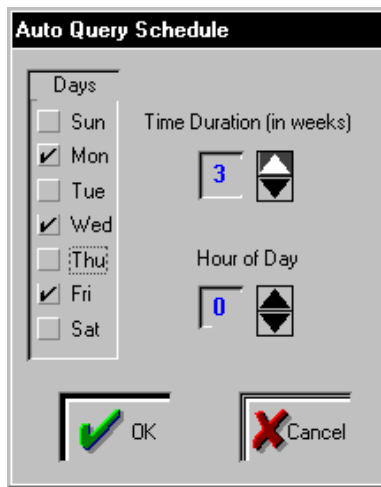
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Start Option

Select the Start box to build automatic queries. All queries submitted after selecting the Start box will be automatic queries. Queries will continue to be built as daily queries until you deselect the Auto Query Action box.

Stop Option

Selecting the Stop box removes the specific query entered from the daily queries held on the LINK server. The user first enters the query, selects the Auto Query Action box, and then selects the Stop box.

Stop All Previous Option

Selecting this box will remove all daily queries held on the LINK server for that database.

Transmitting PCLINK Queries

Queries are sent during SALTS transmissions, whether via Internet or Telephone options. PCLINK files for upload will contain a suffix of .LNK. This will occur without operator intervention, as will the receiving of .RSP (response) files from SALTS. Once the queries have been transmitted, the response files will normally be available for downloading within 15 - 60 minutes, depending on system activity and the number of queries which are being processed by DAASC, Tracy.

GLOBAL TRANSPORTATION NETWORK (GTN) Database Access

The Global Transportation Network (GTN) is an integrated transportation database and decision support system, which provides in-transit visibility. GTN integrates Department of Defense and commercial transportation data, providing the exact location of personnel and materiels at all times while they're in-transit in the defense transportation system. GTN will provide schedules and actual transportation movement information (itineraries and manifests) about units, forces, cargo, air refueling, passengers, and patients.

SALTS Customers can receive a wide range of information from the GTN. Depending on the type of query, all that is required is a Transportation Control Number (TCN), Mission ID Number, Manifest Number, or a Passenger's Last Name. Queries are simple to create, and query responses are received at a specified e-mail address (customer's SALTS e-mail address is defaulted).

Note: This documentation demonstrates how to create a JTAV Cargo List query. This will serve as a model for creating other GTN queries.

Select the Inquiry Type.
Enter the required data (i.e. TCN Number, Mission Number, etc.).
If desired, change the e-mail address for the return response. Else, responses are sent to your SALTS account.
Click the Submit Query button.
Create other queries, if desired.
Click the Done button when finished.

Other Buttons

Review Queries: Review the queries that have been created. Delete individual queries, if desired.
Cancel: Abort this option.

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